

**DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**11th May 2004**DE11 LONDON TO SYDNEY MARATHON
FILE: P12-21 (274293) NJT****SUMMARY:**

Reporting on an application to hold a stage of the London to Sydney Marathon car rally in Kempsey Shire.



An application has been received from the organisers of the 2004 London to Sydney Marathon to complete a leg of the car rally within Kempsey Shire on Saturday, 3rd July 2004.

At this stage 59 vehicles will be leaving London, and it is expected that approximately 40 vehicles will still be mobile in this stage of the event.

On Saturday 3rd July 2004 (day 29 of the rally), competitors will be leaving Glen Innes at 7.00am travelling through shires of Severn, Guyra, and Armidale/Dumaresq and then proceeding down the Armidale Road from Point Lookout to Bellbrook. The majority of this section of road is a non-competitive stage with vehicles leaving at 1 minute intervals.

The lead vehicles are expected to arrive at Bellbrook around 1.00pm where members of the Bellbrook Rural Fire Service will be conducting a "sausage sizzle" for the benefit of competitors and spectators alike.

The organisers are seeking permission to close the following roads for the next competitive stage from 12.20pm to 3.20pm:

Toose Road from Bellbrook	-	3.4kms
Mackenzies Creek Road (north)	-	3.4kms
Balls Road	-	7.2kms
Mackenzies Creek Road (south)	-	<u>2.3kms</u>
		16.3kms

A non-competitive stage then proceeds along Warbro Brook Road, Toorooka Road and then easterly along Armidale Road to Kempsey and then southbound along the Pacific Highway to Port Macquarie.

The Special Event Management Plan documentation submitted is of a high quality and addresses most concerns that might arise. The event has a high degree of supervision by the organisers and traffic control personnel.

Director's comment:

As per report.

Implications:

There are no financial, policy or statutory implications from the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the application to complete a leg of the 2004 London to Sydney Marathon car rally within Kempsey Shire on Saturday, 3rd July 2004, be approved.
2. That the following roads be closed on Saturday, 3rd July 2004, from 12.20pm to 3.30pm:

Toose Road from Bellbrook	-	3.4kms
Mackenzies Creek Road (north)	-	3.4kms
Balls Road	-	7.2kms
Mackenzies Creek Road (south)	-	2.3kms

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